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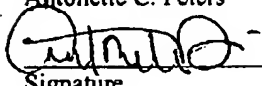
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Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed. A copy of the European Search Report, mailed September 27, 2006 is transmitted herewith.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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- ☐ The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. A copy of each U.S. patent application publication (if published) or application (if not published) is enclosed.

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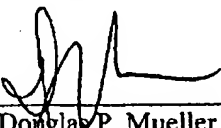
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	US 4,810,240	03/1989	Rogers			
	US 5,792,120	08/1998	Mcnyhay			

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		European Search Report for the corresponding European application EP 04 77 1165, mailed Septemebr 27, 2006.

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